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Region 9 HCC Newsletter

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Region 9 Hospital Radio Roll Call - every Monday

Please plan to participate in our weekly Region 9 Hospital radio roll call every Monday @ 1000 hours on the ***HRSA Reg 9** channel. If you need to replace, purchase an additional radio or battery, please contact me for purchasing and pricing information. Please know if your radio battery is getting old or going bad, it will cause the radio to be inoperable.

DISCLAIMER: Mention of trade names, products, services, or vendors does not convey, and should not be interpreted as conveying official approval, endorsement, or recommendation.

ESF -8 Portal or Mstat Generator Data

Please check to see if you may have any incomplete generator or other information in the ESF-8 Portal and Mstat. This will cause the system to "error-out" when; you, DHH, LHA, or myself, try to change your operating status if you go on generator power. This will become a reporting issue; if DHH goes to mandatory update reporting, during an emergency event. For the most part, the incomplete information may be: generators not connected to a fuel tank or generators not connected to what services it supports. Please check the ESF-8 Portal to **add or remove users** you built in the **ESF-8 Portal**. Also, please check and update your users contact information, Hospital and system role, and assigned applications.

St. Tammany Behavioral Health Task

Please consider the below request from the St. Tammany Behavioral Health Task Force. This would strengthen our general agreement; per request of ED Physicians and ED Staff in our Regional meetings, that we already have in place.

The St Tammany Behavioral Health Task Force, BHTF, is a collaboration of government, law enforcement, the judicial system, education, healthcare and nonprofits that serve those with mental illness, developmental disabilities and addictive disorders in St Tammany Parish. The goal of the BHTF is to collectively develop an integrated behavioral health service delivery system directed and prioritized by the agencies and the people they serve. This system of care is based on the belief that all citizens have the right to high quality behavioral health care and can achieve well-being and recovery. The BHTF is committed to diverting individuals with behavioral health disorders, when appropriate, from the hospital emergency departments and jail to more appropriate inpatient and outpatient resources to support their needs. We believe that the ESF 8 platform can assist in this effort as individuals with behavioral health disorders move through the healthcare system. The Task Force would like to request that **Hospital Emergency Departments continue to report and update numbers of psychiatric boarders** in real time and that **Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities provide frequent, at least daily, updates and reports of availability of beds for adults, children and adolescents with behavioral health disorders**. This addition to the system should provide our Hospital Emergency Departments with valuable information needed as they work with families to identify other treatment options for their loved ones. We (BHTF) appreciate any assistance that you may be able to offer to implement these improvements to the ESF 8 system. Thanks, Jan Robert - Community Development Consultant

Vigilant Guard Exercise - April 10-16, 2016

Hospitals will have an opportunity to participate in the upcoming state-wide Vigilant Guard exercise that will be conducted between April 10-16, 2016. The scenario and injects will be built around a simulated "Hurricane Zack" that will be a Cat 4 or Cat 5 that will hit/skirt the Louisiana area causing extreme damage along with bring an extreme (24') storm surge of water. For the most part, the State DHH ESF-8 is going to focus on this being a post-storm medi-evac operation due to most southeast Hospitals did not have the time to evacuate or elected to shelter-in-place. Thus the exercise will be about doing a post-storm medi-evac via (MSY) Louis Armstrong International Airport. If you elect to participate, we will be using the ESF-8 Portal, Mstat, and the At Risk Registry for bed polls, Hospital status and SIP info, and Patient evacuation. With being very involved with the State DHH ESF-8 and southeast Hospital's exercise play, I may be limited with some the exercise play your Parish OHSEP's may plan to have in their individual Parishes for Hospitals. Please contact me for further details if you plan to participate. For the Region 9 Hospitals, all exercise play will be simulated via systems and communication methods. (e.g., no physical movement of Patients)

Region 9 Healthcare Coalition Meeting - March 24, 2016

Please plan to attend our Healthcare Coalition Emergency and Preparedness meeting on March 24, 2016 at 10a.m. at the Ochsner Health Center - Covington, 1000 Ochsner Blvd. We will be providing training on the ESF-8 Portal, Mstat, At Risk Registry, and in our MCI protocol in using the At Risk Registry to track our Patients. Also, we will be discussing the upcoming Vigilant Guard and our level of participation.

The following link provides directions w/map:

<https://www.ochsner.org/locations/ochsner-health-center-covington/>

Zika Virus

As the CDC continues to monitor the Zika Virus Disease outbreak, we anticipate frequent updates to existing guidance for clinicians and other healthcare providers. As new information is shared, we will keep you informed with links to HAN information or other alerts. Healthcare providers should check the [CDC website](#) frequently to ensure they remain up-to-date with the most current information needed for patients affected by the Zika virus.

Louisiana ESF- 8 Network – Designated Regional Coordinator (DRC)

Hospitals encouraged to remain vigilant - Hospitals are encouraged to remain vigilant to the threat of violence in our communities and to continue readiness efforts to be prepared for any ALL HAZARD events that may occur in a community. The Louisiana ESF-8 Network is a mature system built on the strong foundation of relationships among Hospitals, EMS Providers, Law Enforcement and other Community Agencies. Please contact your [Designated Regional Coordinator](#) (DRC) with questions about resources or the ESF-8 Network Partners.

Thank you for your participation and support , Keith Peek 985-290- 2642 region9drc@yahoo.com